

RESOLUTION NO. 1202

**A RESOLUTION OF THE EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

- Whereas, the reduction of hate and bias crime saves community and personal revenue by reducing property loss from vandalism, litigation and court costs and reduction in use of emergency services such as police and medical professionals; and
- Whereas, a Snohomish County Human Rights Commission will provide for more local control over content of the law and will be better able to respond to emerging trends in the community; and
- Whereas, with local enforcement capability a Snohomish County Human Rights Commission will have the inherent credibility to perform outreach education and dispute resolution functions necessary to provide a more effective program; and
- Whereas, a local Snohomish County Human Rights Commission can provide resources spent to assist with local needs that are not prioritized at the state level in competition with the needs and issues of the entire state; and
- Whereas, the local community can better identify local resources that may be missed or not utilized by the state to address local concerns and issues; and
- Whereas, after one year of work, the Snohomish County Council is ready to pass an ordinance creating a Human Rights Commission,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Edmonds City Council supports the creation of a Snohomish County Human Rights Commission and endorses adoption, by the Snohomish County Council, of the Ordinance to create a Snohomish County Human Rights Commission.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 7th day of July 2009.



MAYOR PRO TEM, DJ WILSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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